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The amendment and response filed on October 16, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): it is unclear as to what patentably distinct invention and species Applicant wishes to elect for prosecution in the present application. Please see the election/restriction requirements mailed October 4, 1999, June 5, 2001 and January 16, 2002 as well as Applicant's elections mailed January 18, 2001, August 6, 2001 and February 19, 2002.

Appropriate clarification is required. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The Examiner of record for the present case has been changed to Josephine Young. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Josephine Young whose telephone number is (703) 605-1201. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

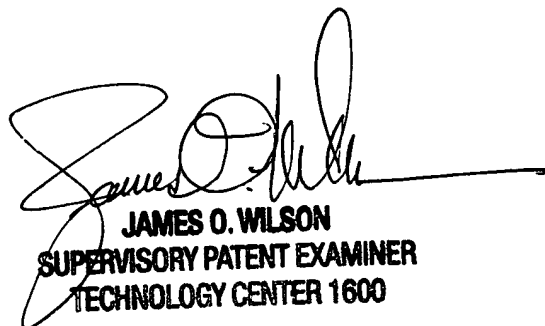
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached at (703) 308-4624. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3014 for regular communications and (703) 872-9307 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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